

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A UPnP interface device that is configured to facilitate UPnP control of at least one non-UPnP device that are located on one or more slave networks using one or more different network

technologies, comprising:

an IP interface to at least one UPnP controller, the UPnP controller being configured to issue a UPnP command in conformance with a UPnP protocol,

at least one non-IP interface to the at least one non-UPnP device, and

a processor that is configured to:

receive the UPnP command, via the IP interface,

transform the UPnP command into a device command,

communicate the device command to a target device of the at least one non-UPnP device via the at least one non-IP interface, and

communicate a UPnP acknowledgement of the UPnP command to the at least one UPnP controller, via the IP interface, and

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the one or more network technologies include at least one of: a USB network, a bluetooth network, a HAVi-compatible network, an IEEE 1394 network, a Home API network, a HomeRF network, a Firefly network, a power line network, an X-10 network, and a Jini-compatible network.

3. The device of claim 1, wherein:

the UPnP controller is further configured to issue a UPnP request in conformance with the UPnP protocol,

the UPnP request includes one of: a description request, a presentation request, a subscription request, and a query, and

the processor is configured to provide at least one of: a device description, a service description, a presentation page, an event, and a value of a variable, in response to the UPnP request.

4. The device of claim 3, wherein

the IP interface also provides access to a file server, and

the processor provides the at least one of: the device description, a service description, a presentation page, an event, and a value of a variable, based on information received from the file server.

5. The device of claim 1, wherein

the processor includes at least one of:

a discovery module that is configured to provide an advertisement of the at least one non-UPnP device to the UPnP controller,

a description module that is configured to provide a description of functions of the at least one non-UPnP device to the UPnP controller, in response to a request from the UPnP controller, and

a presentation module that is configured to provide a presentation page that facilitates a control of the at least one non-UPnP device by a user.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein

at least one of the discovery module, the description module, and the presentation module is configured to provide the advertisement, the description, and the presentation page, respectively, for the at least one non-UPnP device of the slave networks.

7. The device of claim 1, wherein

the processor includes at least one of:

a service control module that communicates commands to the target device, an event subscription module that receives requests from the at least one UPnP controller to be notified of one or more changes of state of the target device, and

an event source module that notifies the at least one UPnP controller of one or more changes of state of the target device.



12. A method for facilitating UPnP control of at least one non-UPnP device on a slave network, comprising:

receiving device-dependent data corresponding to each of the at least one non-UPnP device from a file server,

5 receiving a UPnP command in conformance with a UPnP protocol from a UPnP controller,

transforming the UPnP command into a device command, based on the device-dependent data received from the file server,

communicating the device command to a target device of the at least one non-UPnP device on the slave network, and

10 communicating a UPnP acknowledgement of the UPnP command to the UPnP controller.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the slave network is one of: a USB network, a bluetooth network, a HAVi-compatible network, an IEEE 1394 network, a Home API network, a HomeRF network, a Firefly network, a power line network, an X-10 network, and a Jini-compatible network.

14. The method of claim 12, further including:

receiving a UPnP request in conformance with the UPnP protocol,

the UPnP request including one of: a description request, a presentation request, a subscription request, and a query, and

providing at least one of: a device description, a service description, a presentation page, an event, and a value of a variable, in response to the UPnP request, based on information received from the file server.

15. The method of claim 12, further including at least one of:

providing an advertisement of at least one non-UPnP device to the UPnP controller,  
providing a description of functions of the at least one non-UPnP device to the UPnP  
controller, in response to a request from the UPnP controller, and

5 providing a presentation page that facilitates a control of the at least one non-UPnP  
device by a user.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein

10 at least one of the advertisement, the description, and the presentation page are provided  
by the file server.

17. The method of claim 12, further including

receiving requests from the UPnP controller to be notified of one or more changes of  
state of the at least one non-UPnP device, and

15 notifying the UPnP controller of one or more changes of state of the at least one non-  
UPnP device.

18. The method of claim 17, further including

maintaining a service state table that reflects the state of the target device, and  
20 notifying the UPnP controller of the one or more changes of the state of the at least one  
non-UPnP device based on the service state table.

19. The method of claim 12, further including

25 creating a thread that is associated with the at least one non-UPnP device of the slave  
network, and

modifying a data structure that is associated with the thread; and  
wherein the thread is configured to effect the communication of the device command to  
the at least one non-UPnP device of the slave network, based on the modification of the data  
structure.

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20. A network comprising:

an IP sub-network,

a non-IP sub-network, and

a UPnP enabling device that facilitates control of a device on the non-IP sub-network by

5 a UPnP controller on the IP sub-network.

21. The network of claim 20, further including

a file server on the IP sub-network, and

wherein

10 the UPnP enabling device facilitates the control of the device based on information  
received from the file server.

22. The network of claim 20, wherein

the UPnP enabling device is configured to:

receive a UPnP command from the UPnP controller on the IP network,

transform the UPnP command into a device command, and

communicating the device command to the device on the non-IP sub-network.

23. The network of claim 22, wherein

20 the UPnP enabling device is further configured to provide at least one of: a device  
description, a service description, a presentation page, an event, and a value of a variable  
corresponding to the device on the non-IP network, in response to a UPnP request from the  
UPnP controller.

25 24. The network of claim 23, further including

a file server on the IP sub-network, and

wherein

the UPnP enabling device provides the at least one of: the device description, the service  
description, the presentation page, the event, and the value of the variable, based on information  
30 received from the file server.

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